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## ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING

ON JAN. 31, THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE WELFARE ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING AT 12 NOON IN ROOM 6962. REPORTS OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES WILL BE PRESENTED. BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS WILL BE ELECTED. PRESIDENT JAMES H. McCORMICK WILL PRESIDE.

## BRIDGE INSTRUCTIONS

Many requests have come in for bridge classes to be held in USDA. Two years ago a series of successful classes were led by C. A. Lyons who is regarded to be an outstanding teacher as well as a top notch player.

If you are interested in joining a class for beginners, give your name to your contact officer now. Specify your choice of evenings: Mon., Tues., or Wed. Time will probably be 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. You will be notified of the first organization meeting.

## WIVES AND HUSBANDS HOBBLE IN HORRIES

34 exhibits were displayed and 130 people attended the Extension Service dinner and hobby show in the Fourth Wing Cafeteria Jan. 6th. Organized by the Extension Wives and the Quarterly Conference Committee this event was one of the highlights of the first Quarterly Extension Conference in 1947.

The show included both collection and creative hobbies. Tin can crafts, ceramics, jewelry, photography, basketry and collections of silver spoons, old glass, china cups and saucers, coins, arrowheads, sterling silver, copperware, pottery ware, stamps, dolls, elephants, and even African violets.

Some of the exhibits were really family projects. Prizes were not given as the committee in charge felt a hobby is a personal thing and isn't comparable with another person's hobby. Those that exhibited were rewarded with the pride that comes by sharing a hobby with another person. All who attended now have a more intimate knowledge of the interests of their fellow workers.

Florence Hall served as chairman and Roy Jones as M.C. Mrs. Royal J. Haskell, president of the Extension Wives Association, led the committee from that group.

## DID YOU KNOW

Farm Credit Administration employees located in the Arlington Hotel Building have shown their usual resourcefulness. They have a club room which is a pleasant spot. Here they eat their lunches at noon or relax during rest periods.

In this room one finds the latest issues of such magazines as Life, Look, Time, News Week, New Yorker, Harper's Bazaar and Mademoiselle. It contains a circulating library of nearly 600 books, both fiction and non fiction, including all the latest best sellers. Some 50 phonographs albums are also available.

The books may be borrowed for 2 cents a working day, no charge being made for Saturday, Sunday or holidays. The library is open for the circulation of books and records from 12:00 to 1 PM daily. It is planned to make this service available to members located in the South Building.

## PRESTO! 700 FEET OF SILVERWARE GONE

The Welfare Association's profit and loss sheet for December shows an item of \$297.66 in the loss column. Further study reveals this amount covered 1,210 pieces of silverware lost during the month.

If all these pieces were placed end to end on 14th St. they would be of little use to the cafeteria or to you as patron and stockholder in the W.A. However, the whereabouts of the silverware would be known, which is more than we know now.

Some of these pieces undoubtedly were borrowed and eventually will be returned. Why not return them now? These items are scarce and costly. The Association operates on a narrow margin. The Cafeteria Committee and Manager Lomasson are continually devising ingenious ways of cutting operation costs. After taking the normal precautions against loss of silverware in refuse disposal they find this kind of loss largely beyond their control.

Incidentally, don't bother to call and suggest the teaspoons may have dissolved in the coffee served. A group of reputable scientists made a study of this possibility and their report is "Taint true." In fact the coffee did not keep them awake during the study.

## INTER HIKING AND SKIING

WINTER HIKING can be fun. You can do it on your own by forming your own group. For a guide you may want to use The New Hiking Book recently published by the Capital Transit Co. Or you may want to join one of the local hiking clubs. There are some hikes requiring only a few hours, and then there are several week-end jaunts.

SKIERS can get snow reports by calling Na. 4830. The American Youth Hostel Ex. 3500 sponsor ski trips and outings. Cost is nominal. The Ski Club of Washington sponsor meetings and trips. For information call Miss Betty Bristol HO 7043. The Ski Club can suggest good skiing spots in Pennsylvania and the New England states for those wishing to take a winter vacation.

## DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS ORGANIZE

Plans are being made to organize a USDA chapter of the Disabled American Veterans. A meeting will be called in the near future for the purpose of nominating and electing officers. Employees of the Department eligible for membership are requested to join prior to this meeting so they may have a voice in electing officers. Wide participation is hoped for in this election in order to elect officers who will be representative of the Disabled American Veterans of USDA. See your bulletin board for particulars or call F. V. McNamee, X3288.

## XMAS AND THE WELFARE ASSOCIATION

The Xmas season calls for special parties and celebrations. USDA employees were active in sponsoring many such events. Evidence of this is in the records of the Welfare Association which assisted in these holiday celebrations.

As a matter of interest and information the W.A. served six large special Xmas dinner parties. Refreshments were prepared for 21 other parties. 5 groups asked and received assistance in planning and organizing party programs. 2 Santa Claus suits were secured and made available. 2 albums of Xmas music were loaned to various groups.

The lights and Xmas tree decorations for the Patio were supplied by your Welfare Association. Thousands of Xmas Carol song sheets were furnished for the Patio Party and smaller parties.

Your organization did this.

## "ALWAYS BE COMPLIMENTED"

Through the joint efforts of the Federal Recreation Committee and the Government Girls Club, Miss Charlotte Wilkinson of New York, author of "A B C of Fashion", will be presented on Thursday, January 30, to interested Government Employees. Her topic will be "Always Be Complimented," in which she explains how she helps women gain charm through correct and appropriate clothes.

A cordial invitation is extended to Government Employees to attend this demonstration in the Department of Commerce Auditorium at 5:15 PM. Miss Wilkinson will give another demonstration at Walsh Center the same date at 8:15 P.M., but due to limited seating capacity, Government Girls Club members will distribute complimentary tickets for the evening program.

## USDA PLAYERS TO PRET

The first meeting of the Agriculture Players' 1947 season will be held in room 107 Administration on Thursday January 30th at 8:00 P.M. At this meeting will be discussed organizational plans and the future program. A great deal of spontaneous interest has been shown which indicates an active and successful season. For any further information call Frank Speh, X 5972.

## WANT RIDES

Margaret Murphy, X 2088 - Chevy Chase Circle  
C. McKinley, X3474 - Penn and Texas Ave S.E.  
Ferne Anderson, X5521 - 2010 Channing St., N.W.  
Helen Bunten, X 4235 - 5407 Middleton Lane, Camp Springs, Md.  
Claud I. Horn, X 5610 - 15 North Trenton St., Arlington  
Margaret Smith, X 4981 - Scott Street and Lee Highway, North Arlington  
Beulah Robertson, X 2191 - Franklin Ave Silver Spring, Md.  
Hazel Warden, X 4565 - 3715 Shepherd St., Ft. Rainier, Md.  
Laura W. Beasley, X 4361 - Belfont Ave. and Russell Rd., Alexandria  
Elaine S. Pool, X 4361 - 416 Duke St., Alexandria  
Rose Britton, X 4506 - 4601 16th St., N.W.  
C. G. Kilbourne, X 4247 - Conn. Ave and Woodley Road  
F. P. Wood, X 6381 - Chesapeake and Conn. Ave., N.W.  
Marguerite Webster, X 5069 - 3931 Livingston St., N.W.  
Wilma Hughes, X2422 - 3406 Bellevue Ave., Cheverly, Md.  
WANTS RIDER OR RIDER  
Mr. Parsons, X 5339 - Fairfax, Va.  
WANTS RIDER OR RIDER  
E. G. Stoll, X 4105 - 5721 North 27th St., Falls Church, Va.  
Mr. Green, X 3080 - 1365 F St., N.E.

"Squaring The Circle" a three act farce will be given Feb. 2, 3 & 4 at the Cafritz Auditorium, 16th & Q Sts., N.W. Time 8:30 PM. Admission 60¢. All invited.